

PLYMOUTH.

A TRADE CENTER OF GROWING IMPORTANCE.

Something of the Commercial Advantages Offered by Its Wide-Awake and Enterprising Business Men.

BRIEF REVIEWS OF PLYMOUTH'S MOST PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN.

Man's first great care should be the comfort and happiness of his family, and Plymouth is certainly a city of pleasant homes. Take a stroll through the residence portions of the city, note the fine homes, substantially built, handsomely and conveniently arranged, notice the well kept grounds, all presenting a picture of peace, happiness and contentment that would allure the most devoted home lover. These are among the attractions offered those who are seeking a city for the sake of a home for self and family—a home that will prove in truth a home, in the broadest, happiest and holiest acceptance of the term. Within the remembrance of this generation roamed the wild untamed savage, and the white man's foot had never trod where today stands a flourishing city numbering over 4,000 souls within her gates, with prosperous industries, work shops, superb system of waterworks, splendid business blocks, excellent fire department, elegant residences, handsome churches, an imposing court house, fine schools, and modern hotels.

Plymouth has long passed the doubtful stage and taken the position she has earned among the best cities in Indiana. She stands today a monument to the energy, the faith, the perseverance and the labors of the men who have brought her from a wild and undeveloped country to the metropolis of Marshall county. Not only has "Dame Nature" been kind to Plymouth in supplying the city with multitudinous resources which may be transmuted into dollars, but she has likewise favored her with more than a due share of attractions which appeal to the aesthetic instincts of those who behold them. The scenery around and about Plymouth is beautiful to say the least. Beautiful in situation, and attractive in educational,

two foundries, a grist mill, a steel wagon factory, a mining and manufacturing company, a factory for manufacturing light machinery, pulleys, grinding machines, etc., an institute for the cure of inebriates, gas and electric lights, water works, fire department and three newspapers.

At this writing Plymouth has a population of over 4,000 and the signs of the times indicate a rapid increase in the near future. We are constrained to this belief by reason of the faith we have in the reserves of might which this section of the state now holds to view and in the daily evidences of the people's pluck, push, pull and fraternal jostle in business, together with their advanced general intelligence and natural advantages. Plymouth is surrounded by some of the most fertile and productive land in the world. The crops that are raised here astonish even the older residents at times.

In a word, Plymouth people give every evidence of being city makers both by prelection and training. The society of Plymouth is one of the most cultured and refined, radiant with intelligence and animated by a wholesome cordiality. It is apparent to the careful observer that a city in the middle west presents more attractions as a home city than Plymouth. Here will be found all the delights of great cities together with the quiet enjoyment of the country. As a place of business we can not enumerate all the advantages possessed by this city within the space of an article of this kind, and ask our readers who are looking for a location in a live, growing town, to visit the city, look it and its advantages over and they will form a much better opinion of the points of advantage than we can hope to convey. In a single utterance, one must confess amazement at the cunning of



MICHIGAN STREET LOOKING NORTH.

sanitary and all other privileges constant with culture and refinement. Plymouth stands upon an eminence which cannot fail to attract attention to her claims when properly spread before an enlightened world, and it is one of the objects of this publication to bring her more prominently into the view of those not acquainted with her beauties and advantages.

The advancement of Plymouth has never been of that spasmodic variety which has characterized so many communities, but has been steady, healthy and continuous, each year seeing the community more firmly established than the preceding. While at times she may have appeared to be slow and old-fashioned, the experience of those cities who have advanced with a wild hurrah, a blare of trumpets and a beating of drums and finally dropped back to a position much worse than the one they started from, has shown the wisdom of her people and today while those over-amed cities are endeavoring to find some way to get "out of the soup" Plymouth is proudly advancing in her steady, sure way, onward and upward to commercial greatness. She has no bubble of a boom to regret, and can look the future in the face, with a clear conscience and an abiding faith in her coming greatness.

Plymouth, the judicial seat of Marshall county, is located on the Terre Haute & Logansport railway 44 miles north of Logansport, 23 miles south of South Bend and 64 miles southeast of Chicago, Ill. Railroad facilities are also provided by Penn. lines and L. E. & W. railways. Settled in 1832 and incorporated in 1872, it now contains nine churches, two graded public schools, one of which has a high school and commercial department in connection, also a parochial school, an opera house, three banks, two hotels, basket factory, barrel factory, a novelty works, saw mill, two planing mills, two elevators, a lumber yard,

genius in the manipulation of the forces which are developing the business and embellishing the society of Plymouth.

Already one of the greatest centers of civilized progress in Indiana, the aggressive spirit of the city's commerce and the people's vigilance and daring in crowding opportunity to its utmost, are municipal traits and virtues which are irresistible in their tendency toward power, peace and prosperity. The people of Plymouth are as robust in independence as they are in health, intelligence and purity. They enjoy all the advanced outgrowths of civilization—schools, churches, society and all those happy and ennobling privileges which are foreign to a frontier life and which every father of a family should well consider before locating a home. Such is the picture of Plymouth as it recedes with our conception.

We have painted the city as we have found it, have taken truth as our compass; have not learned to favoritism or bent to faction in touching any particular point, and the leading citizens will vouch for its strict impartiality and its general authenticity. And now the better to familiarize the public with the institutions and men whose existence has a vital bearing upon the present reputation and future prospects of Plymouth, we give sketches of the leading business and professional men, manufacturing, industrial and educational institutions of the city.

Eagle Broom Manufacturing Co.

This business was inaugurated in 1905. The factory has a capacity of 100,000 brooms in one year. Their brands are Carpet Broom, Daisy, "A" "B". Warehouse, Toys, and Whisk brooms. They purchase only the best stock and excel in the price and quality of their goods.

PLYMOUTH STATE BANK.

Organized 1892.

David Snyder, president; C. T. Mattingly, vice-president; Oliver G. Soice, cashier; Carrie E. Reeves, assistant cashier. This bank is one of those powerful, influential corporations of which Indiana boasts so many, organized under state laws which, while extending proper encouragement and protection to the investors of capital, yet holds the bank-

The Plymouth State Bank transacts a general banking business in deposits, loans, collections and exchange. The funds are well protected by a Hall's Safe Lock Co., safe, fire and burglar proof, time lock. Said safe, chest and vault are also insured with burglar insurance for protection of depositors' funds.

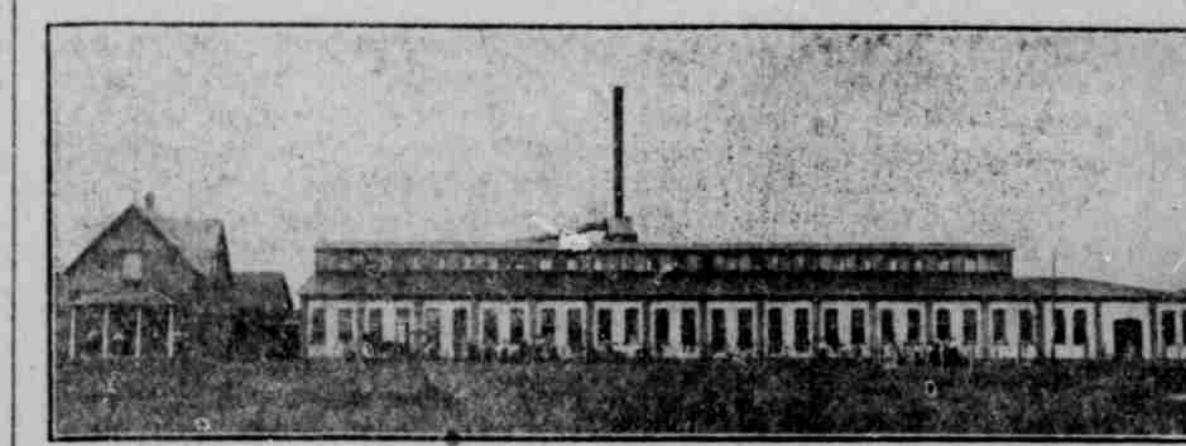
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to a strict account, liability to its depositors and public opinion. Its ample capital, surplus and undivided profits, careful and conservative judgment, and the well established personal and mercantile character of its founders, enables the bank to extend moral and financial aid to its patrons and the general public in time of need, and foster the material interest of the community. The officers and directors are among the oldest and most substantial business men of the county.

and special deposits. The aim of this institution is "to each day make its Bank stronger" and that it has succeeded in the past is shown by its report to the Auditor of State. The surplus and individual profits are now more than its capital stock. This bank was organized in 1892. It has a capital of \$50,000 and a surplus of \$35,000 and undivided profits over \$31,000, and with a fine line of deposits, is rightly regarded one of the most solid and reliable banking houses in the state. Its directors are



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Plymouth, Indiana.

Organized in 1900 by H. G. Thayer, M. E. Thayer, M. L. M. Thayer and Geo. H. Thayer Jr. Gives employment to from 60 to 70 hands and runs steadily all the year. Annual pay roll about 20,000 to \$22,000. Principal product telephone cabinets, switch

boards, wall boards, extension bell boxes, central energy cabinets, etc., which are sold to the largest producers of telephones in the Independent field.

This company pays highest cash prices to farmers for logs and bolts. It is in some respects the best equipped factory in the United States devoted to the manufacture of telephone wood work for Independent telephone manufacturers.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MARSHALL COUNTY.

Capital and Surplus \$100,000.

In banking facilities Plymouth is abundantly supplied and is generally known as having located in her midst some of the strongest financial institutions in the state, notably the First National Bank, an institution which dates its existence from the year 1872. The bank is centrally located on Michigan street and is nicely finished and tastefully arranged. It is equipped with fireproof vault of excellent construction, amply securing their funds. As an extra precaution they carry a Burglar Insurance Policy for a large amount. This bank has a capital of \$50,000, a surplus of \$35,000 and undivided profits over \$31,000, and with a fine line of deposits, is rightly regarded one of the most solid and reliable banking houses in the state. Its directors are

M. A. O. Packard, Lucius Tanner, James E. Hanes, Moses M. Lauer and David C. Knott, and at present have the following efficient officers in charge: M. A. O. Packard, president; Lucius Tanner, vice president; James A. Gilmore, cashier, and Guy Baker assistant cashier. All these men will be recognized as among the leading citizens of Plymouth, men whose connection with any enterprise is a sure guarantee of its strict reliability and trustworthiness. This bank does all business usually transacted by first-class bankers, such as buying and selling foreign and domestic exchange, receiving deposits, making collections and such business of this character as may be entrusted to them. We wish to add our indorsement to the many this bank has already received and recommend them to all who may have business in this line. This bank makes a specialty of collections at home and throughout the United States and issues drafts to all parts of the world.



PLYMOUTH CHURCHES.

PLYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

System Excelled by None in the State

The greatness of a community may not be properly measured by its material progress alone. The city or state which neglects to cultivate the morals and intellects of its people is guilty of overlooking one of its most vital interests, and no matter how prosperous in a business sense, cannot be a success in the full significance of the term. The importance of training the minds of the rising generation was realized by the pioneers of Plymouth and steps taken for supplying the need of such instruction, even while the means were lacking to supply the physical needs of the people, and equal care and forethought have been shown by their successors not only in providing for the instruction of youth, but in affording the means for cultivating the finer instincts of the adult population.

Confirmation of the above statement may be readily found in the numerous religious organizations, public schools, hospitals, libraries, charitable and benevolent institutions and a multitude of fraternal, social, literary and other societies. The first known record of any movement in the cause of education within the present city of Plymouth

was the school taught by O. F. Norton in the fall or winter of 1837. The school was held in the old court house, which then stood on the lot now owned by Mr. J. N. Freese on East Michigan street, near Adams. The following statistics for the school year ending 1907 will afford some idea of the height to which the schools of the city have attained: Number of school rooms in use 21; total number of teachers and principals 23; number of pupils enrolled 973. Per cent. of attendance, High school 97.5, grades 96.8, promoted to high school 51, graduates from high school 28. The total cost of school buildings and equipment amounts to nearly \$50,000. Especial pride is felt by the people of Plymouth in the excellent high school, which the city maintains, affording a free course of instruction superior to that of many colleges. A commercial course has been introduced and students do not have to leave the city to receive instruction equal to that of a first-class business college. The gentlemen who compose the board as well as their predecessors are entitled to much credit for the high standards which have been established and rigorously maintained.

Following are the names of the present members of the board of education: T. A. Borton, President; Theodore Cressner, Treasurer; George H. Thayer Jr., Secretary; R. A. Randall, Superintendent.



WASHINGTON SCHOOL BUILDING.

G. F. HITCHCOCK, D. D. S.

Room 1, Corbin Block.

It is the object of this work to record in a correct manner those firms or men who hold or have for years held the leading position in their respective lines of trade or professions and who control the most extensive patronage. In this connection it is becoming and meet that we should give prominent mention to the well and favorably known Dr. G. F. Hitchcock, representing an important branch of industry. Dr. Hitchcock located here four years ago. He holds a leading position among Marshall county dentists, is a refined gentleman of pleasant manners as well as a highly educated and accomplished dentist.

Dr. Hitchcock graduated from the Dental Department of the Western Reserve University of Cleveland, O., in 1901. He practices dentistry in all its branches, including crown and bridge work, porcelain work, gold and the various fillings and plates in vogue. His dental office is furnished and fitted up with all the conveniences and mechanical appliances for the easy and rapid work, which characterizes all that Dr. Hitchcock does.

EDGERTON MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

Manufacturers of all Kinds of Baskets

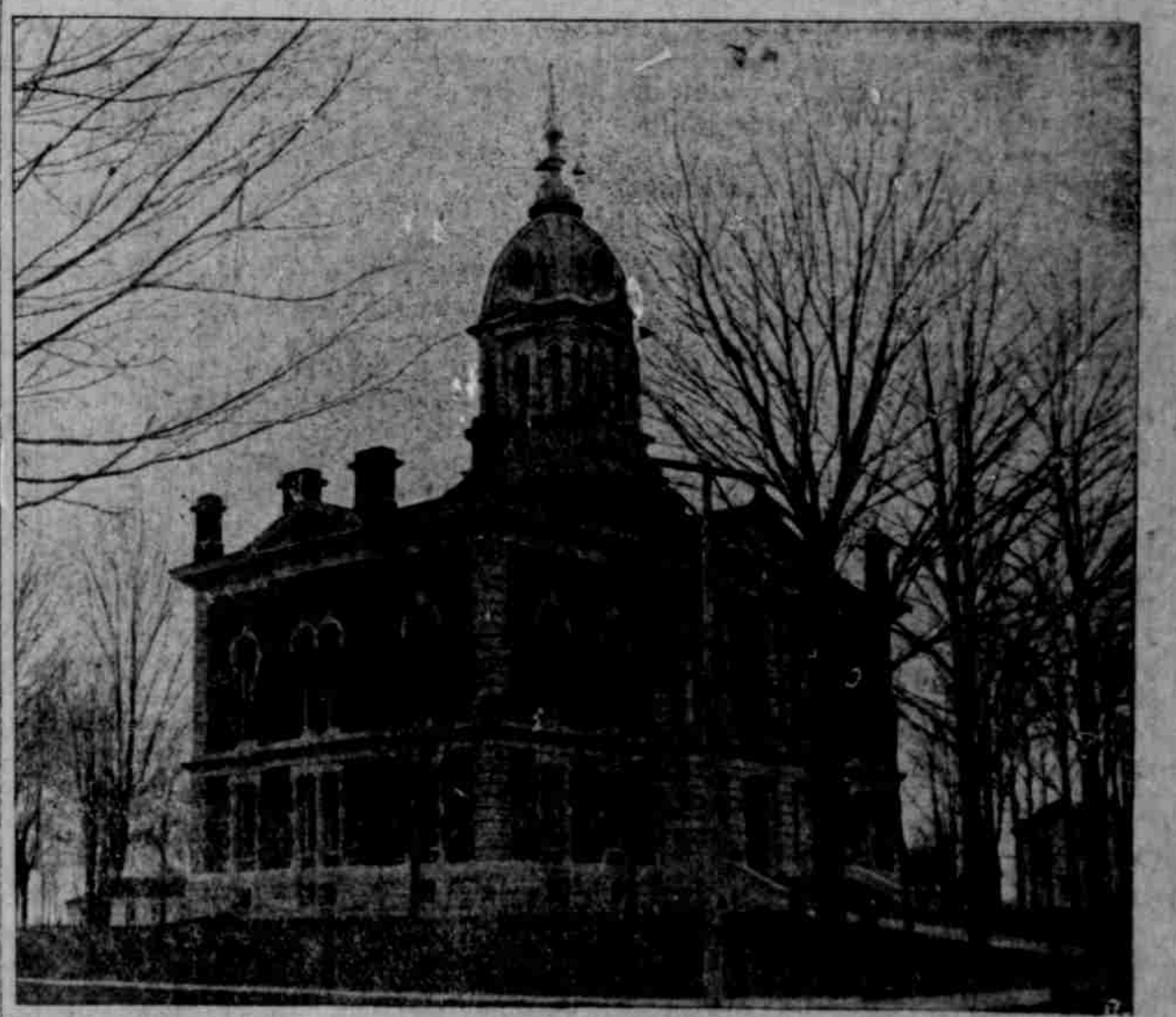
In 1891 this firm discontinued its operations at Edgerton, Ohio, and moved to Plymouth. They now operate not only the largest manufacturing industry in this city, but the largest exclusive basket factory in this country, and an industry of which we are pleased to give prominent mention in this souvenir edition. The factory covers a floor space of 70,000 square feet and has a capacity of 550 car loads of baskets per year. It requires 2,000,000 feet of timber each year to stock the plant. Prior to two years ago they purchased practically all of their timber in Marshall county, paying for the same over \$30,000.00 annually. Since that time the supply of timber has become so much exhausted that three-fourths of their stock has been purchased elsewhere. This timber required to stock their plant each year is equal to 300 car loads of logs, of which they use all kinds.

Among the different styles of baskets which they manufacture are the Briggs or Acme Oak Stave Basket,

"Special" Oak Stave Wide Band, Famous "Racing" Pattern Basket, "Plymouth" Double Stave, Common narrow Band Rim, Bottom Baskets, Double Lap Stave, Double Band Bottom Baskets, Double Stave Baskets and Covers, Grocers' Bamboo Delivery Baskets, Bamboo Bakers' and Butchers' Delivery Baskets, Bamboo Grocers' Display or Show Basket, Bamboo Iron Bound Coal Baskets, Grocers' Fine Split Delivery Baskets.

They employ from 100 to 125 people in the plant and about 35 outside. Their pay roll amounts to about \$40,000.00 in one year. The distribution of their goods is from the Missouri river, east to the coast. In addition to what they manufacture, they sell the product of eight other factories. Twenty representatives are employed on the road to handle this great volume of business which is done through the jobbing trade entirely.

The firm enjoys a large and lucrative business and the institution is conducted with great credit to its proprietors and pride of the citizens of Plymouth. The officers of this company are C. S. Cleveland, President and Mgr., J. M. Cleveland, Vice President, D. E. Snyder, Treasurer, and A. M. Cleveland, Secy.



MARSHALL COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

MARKS, GRUBE & HARLEY.

Hardware and Machinery.

The hardware business of Plymouth has an able representative in the establishment of Marks, Grube & Harley, which firm succeeded Hess, Grube & Harley Sept. 16th 1907.

Their store contains three rooms 20x30 feet in size on the first floor, two rooms 20x30 on the second floor, and four rooms in the basement also of the same size, together with a warehouse 30x60 two stories high for machinery, implements and buggies. They carry a large, well selected stock of hardware, tinware, cutlery, pumps, mills, farm machinery, stoves, furnaces, etc. Their stock is nicely arranged and is complete in every department. They make a specialty of the John Deere implements and buggies and the Studebaker and Birdsell Wagons, Radiant Home Stoves, Malleable Ranges, Lowe Bros. Paint and Keen Kutter Cutlery. They sell everything from a jackknife to a sawmill. That their manner of doing business is popular among the people of Plymouth and community, is evidenced by the large trade with which they are favored. Fine business qualities, such as these men possess, when combined with ample capital and superior goods at reasonable prices will always succeed in any business. The members of the firm are George D. Marks, Harry E. Grube and L. G. Harley.

Mr. Marks was superintendent of schools of Marshall county for a period of ten years, retiring in June, 1907, to engage in this business. Mr. Grube served four years as County Surveyor. Mr. Harley also served four years as County Recorder. On January 1, 1905, Messrs. Grube and Harley severed their connection with public affairs to engage in the business of Hess, Grube & Harley. Mr. Marks later succeeded Mr. Hess, forming the present firm of Marks, Grube & Harley.

H. A. ARMSTRONG.

Steel Ceiling and Warm Air Heating.

One of the greatest helps toward building up a town is a first class workman in the line of tin and roofing which Plymouth has in the establishment of H. A. Armstrong. Always watchful, a close buyer, he has secured a trade which is enviable. He carries a full line of tin and steel roofing, steel ceiling and spouting. In the line of furnaces he makes a specialty of the Kelsey Warm Air Generator for hard coal and the Jahant for soft coal. He occupies a building 22x30 in dimensions. Mr. Armstrong succeeded Mr. Stansbury seven years ago. Born and reared in Plymouth he is well and favorably known. He makes a specialty of roofing, spouting and general job work, and employs several skilled workmen in this branch of his business. He makes his customers' interest his own and this is one of the secrets of his success.

L. TANNER.

Drugs, Medicines, Etc.

The popular pharmacy of L. Tanner is one of the largest, most pleasant and conveniently arranged in the city. Its proprietor has been here in this business since 1873, is a registered pharmacist and thoroughly understands the drug business in its entirety. He handles all goods usually found in first class drug stores, and carries in stock, drugs, patent medicines, stationery, toys, wall paper, school supplies, a large list of books, hunters' supplies, fishing tackle, holiday goods, blank books, etc. He occupies a building "L" shaped 18x75 in dimensions. It is one of the popular business men of Plymouth. Locating in this city 34 years ago Mr. Tanner has an extended acquaintance which is a valuable aid to him in maintaining the position this store occupies in the estimation of the people.

J. S. NESS.

Architect and Builder.

The prosperity of Plymouth is conclusively proven by the extent of the lumber and building business. The establishment two years ago of the flourishing business of Mr. J. S. Ness is a fitting monument to his energy, industry, and strict attention to business.



ness, and upright dealing. Mr. Ness is an architect of wide experience in his line of work. He furnishes plans, makes estimates and takes contracts for all kinds of buildings. As an ex-

pert mechanic he has no superior in Marshall county, and we advise our readers who want first class work at reasonable prices to call on Mr. Ness. Job work receives his prompt attention and he neglects no opportunity to please his patrons. He owns and operates a planing mill which is 45x60, two stories high and engine room 12x45 one story. The mill has a complete equipment for manufacturing doors, sash, mouldings, interior finish, hard wood flooring and every description of planing mill work. From eight to ten men find steady employment in this industry. Mr. Ness does all his work in the best possible manner. He is favored with unusual facilities for erecting all kinds of buildings and consequently can make lower prices than his competitors.

Mr. Ness was born and reared in Columbia City, Ind., but has resided in Plymouth since 1892. His experience covers a long term of years and we predict for him a successful career in this enterprise.

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